

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the **PATENT APPLICATION** of:

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**REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

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This Reply is being timely filed in response to the Office Action dated August 13, 2007. This Reply is submitted in conjunction with an appropriate petition for extension of time.

Please amend the application without prejudice or disclaimer as follows: